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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE IN OCTOBER 17 VOICE OF UGANDA
REPORTING GENERAL AMIN'S ACTIVITIES IN DAMASCUS PREVIOUS DAY.

BEGIN TEXT. "IT REMAINS FOR GOLDA MEIR TO PICK US HER KNICKERS

AND MINIS WITH GENERAL DAYAN AND THE REST OF THE ZIONIST ISRAELIS
TO RUN TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK IN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA," SAID THE PRESIDENT OF UGANDA, GENERAL IDI AMIN, AT
A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN DAMASCUS.

THE GENERAL WHO DECLARED HE HAD VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT
WITH UGANDAN TROOPS AGAINST ISRAEL SAID TOO, "I HAVE SENT A
TELEGRAM TO GOLDA MEIR THAT I AM NOT A PERSON WHO FEARS ANYONE.
I AM SIX FEET THREE INCHES (1.91 METRES) AND A FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT
BOXING CHAMPION," HE TOLD APPLAUDING SYRIAN JOURNALISTS.

HE TOLD THE PRESS "YOU WILL SEE UGANDAN FORCES ON BOTH
FRONTS GAINST THE ZIONISTS AGRESSORS."

MANY UGANDANS, HE SAID, HAD VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT AND ONE
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OF THEM IS MYSELF, GENERAL AMIN."

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PRESIDENT AMIN, WHO HAS ALREADY VISITED SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ AND JORDAN, SAID HE WAS TOURING THE ARAB WORLD SO THAT HE COULD BRIEF THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

UGANDA'S PRESIDENT HAD EARLIER MET YESTERDAY WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD.

GEN. AMIN ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS LAST MONDAY FROM AMMAN WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE LEBANESE NEWSPAPER "AL ANWAR" OF YESTERDAY, HE TRIED TO PERSUADE KING HUSSEIN TO OPEN A JORDANIAN FRONT AGAINST ISRAEL.

THE UGANDAN LEADER ALSO PROPOSED THAT AFRICAN TROOPS SHOULD BE SENT TO FIGHT ON THE JORDANIAN FRONT. HE SAID SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD EMPOWERED HIM TO OFFER THEIR TROOPS TO JORDAN, AL ANWAR REPORTED.

GENERAL AMIN CHARGED THAT AMERICAN, BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN PILOTS WERE FLYING THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE.

HE ALSO SAID ISRAELI PILOTS HE SPOKE TO IN HOSPITAL IN DAMASCUS HAD TOLD HIM THEY WERE BEING TREATED BETTER THAN SYRIANS IN ISRAEL.

FLANKED BY THREE MILITARY AIDS AND SYRIAN OFFICIALS, PRESIDENT AMIN DECLARED HE WAS NOT AGAINST AMERICANS BUT ITS GOVERNMENT POLICY.

"THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONTROLLED BY JEWS," HE SAID. "NIXONHAS TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE GIVEN HIM BY THE ZIONIST LIKE SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER."

GENERAL AMIN PRAISED THE SOVIET UNION FOR AIDING EGYPT AND SYRIA. "THE SOVIET UNION HAS COME TO THE RESCUE OF THE ARAB WORLD," HE ADDED. END TEXT.
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